

What is Medicaid?

--The Definition--

- ◆ A federal/state partnership was authorized in the Social Security Act in 1965
- ◆ The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) sets minimum requirements
 - ◆ Mandatory and optional populations to cover
 - ◆ Mandatory and option services to cover
- ◆ Each state selects the optional populations and services it will cover
- ◆ Changes from standard requirements, both mandatory & optional, require CMS waiver
- ◆ The federal and state governments share the cost
 - ◆ In Nebraska, 60% federal and 40% state